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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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Amendment

Assistant Director for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office action dated September 12, 2000 in the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows.

In the specification:

In the specification after page 18, insert pages 1-5 enclosed herewith.

REMARKS

The specification is amended to append pages 1 through 5, which contain a copy of the Sequence Listing in accord with 37 CFR 1.821(c). Applicants enclose with the amendment a CEF copy of the Sequence Listing and a declaration under 37 CFR 1.821.

If in the opinion of the Examiner a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at 650-846-4020.

Respectfully submitted,



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